



Retirees Association of DC37, AFSCME

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of April 12, 2022

The next virtual General Membership meeting will be held on Tuesday May 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by President Ed Hysyk.

The minutes of 2/28/22 were presented by Bruce Heigh. A motion was made by Neal Frumkin to accept the minutes, was properly seconded and was passed.

John Hardisty presented the financial report: As of 2/22, there was surplus of \$28, 854. Year to date, a surplus of \$60, 907. There is approximately \$3 million in the treasury. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Donald Afflick, was properly seconded and was passed.

Returns from the last recruitment mailing are coming in. The first letter to hand dues payers will be going out next week.

President's Report: Tomorrow @ 2:15 pm there will be a demonstration at 250 Broadway, corner Murray St. More info is on our website.

Ed stated that he will be retiring and not be seeking another term as President of the Association and the Association is being left in good financial shape. He discussed our supplemental death benefit, education reimbursement and stated that we have the lowest dues rate going \$3/mo. We represent 27,000 of 50,000 DC37 retirees.

Other organizations dues are \$28 - \$30 /mo.

Ed introduced the Chairperson of the Election Committee: James Tucciarelli, Co-Chair: Stephanie Thomas, and other members John Reyes, Lenore Gates and Kinma Lockwood.

May 10 and June 14, 2022 will be the next General Membership Meetings

All of this information is posted on our website.

Ben Hilderbrand introduced his team and presented an overview of the voting process and Ballot Point Selection Services.

James Tucciarelli enabled recording, introduced the AFSCME staff and explained the rules of the nominations for DC37

Retirees offices pursuant to the constitution. March 29, 2022 AFSCME President Lee Saunders approved our revised constitution.

We are governed by the rules of the AFSCME Retirees Election Manual along with our constitution which are both on our website.

Members must raise their hand electronically to nominate. Contact info will be taken. Ballot Point will be used if necessary.

The floor was opened for nominees for the available offices for the DC37 Retirees officers and Executive Board. The Chair asked to have the recording of the meeting enabled.

The Election Committee will submit a separate report for approval.

1-President.

Robert Gervasi - Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

Neal Frumkin- Nominated by Michelle Keller.

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

2-Executive Vice President.

Jose Sierra- Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

3-Secretary Treasurer.

John Hardisty - Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

4-Recording Secretary.

Bruce Heigh - Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

5-Vice President- Publicity and Public Relations.

Lesly Williams- Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

6-Vice President, Inter Union Relations.

Neal Frumkin- Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

7-Vice President, Political Action and Legislation.

Donald Afflick- Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

8-Vice President, Education and Health Services.

Mel Fox- Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

9-Vice President, Social Security, Pensions and Medicare.

Dominick Martina- Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

Kevin Allen- Nominated by Kevin Allen.

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

10- Vice President, Housing.

Cynthia Cox- Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

11-Vice President, Membership.

Sallie Robertson- Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

12-Associate Treasurer.

Pilar Oquendo- Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

13-Associate Secretary.

Anna Berry- Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

14-Associate Vice President, Publicity & Public Relations.

Nellie Gonzalez-Arce. Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

Ike Ekeehunanawu- Nominated by Ike Ekeehunanawu-

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed

15-Associate Vice President, Inter Union Relations.

Aurea Mangual- Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

16- Associate Vice President, Political Action and Legislation.

Rosemary Culio-Frisone- Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

17-Associate Vice President, Education and Health Services.

Carmen Colon- Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

18-Associate Vice President, Social Security, Pension and Medicare.
Isabel Figueroa- Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.
After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

19-Associate Vice President, Housing-
Petrona Graham- Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.

Zelma Brown- Nominated BY Michelle Keller.
John Forster- Nominated by John Forster.
After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

20-Associate Vice President, Membership.
Rhonna Bonsu- Nominated by Julia Jorge, under the Integrity Slate.
After three calls for additional nominations, nominations closed.

The Committee affirmed the nominations, with three withdrawals. The Committee then went into private session.

Jim Tucciarelli, Chairperson, thanked everyone for their appreciation, attendance and attention. Pallet Point has done many AFSCME elections along with TWU & Teamsters. THE COMMITTEE AFFIRMED THE NOMINATIONS, WITH THREE WITHDRAWALS. THThe meeting was turned over to President Ed Hysyk. He congratulated all the nominees and thanked Jim Tucciarelli and his committee.

Ed introduced representatives from Ballot Point Selection Services, who gave an overview of the ballot process and background information of their organization. ED INTRODUCED REPRESENTATIVES FROM BALLOT POINT SELECTION SERVICES,
The vote will be electronically processed or via telephone. There will be no paper ballots. The Retirement office is located at 75 Maiden Lane, Suite #501, New York, NY 10038. Jim's email address is 1in2bus@msn.com. There will be no paper ballots distributed. Instructions will be sent in the mail.

Ed stated that the Judge ruled that MAP will not go into effect on 4/1/22 and that anyone staying in GHI Senior Care will not be charged the \$191.00. ED STATED THAT THE JUDGE RULED THAT MAP WILL NOT GO INTO EFFECT ON
Co-Pays went into effect on January 1, 2022. The member does not have to file an opt out form. The Medicare Part B Reimbursement will be paid in April 2022. A form does not have to be filed for Medicare Part B Reimbursement.
The IRMAA form is not yet online.

Members of the Association met with City Hall to discuss the New Medicare Plan and the co pay which puts a burden on employees. New Retirees are having their health plan dropped. We are looking for a meeting with NYC comptroller Brad Lander.
Brooklyn dental center is closed.

Black and Puerto Rican Caucus was discussed by Michelle Keller that took place this past weekend.

A memo of support for 6/19 holiday is being sought to go straight to our legislators. Neal discussed the DONUT HOLE and Delta Dental, and an Amazon union win on Staten Island.

Michelle Keller reported on the March 8 Women History Day. A petition is being filed. May 1, 22 May Day, 9/10/22, Labor Day.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:
NILICO was discussed.

Good and Welfare:
The members thanked Ed for his many years of service and dedicated loyalty to the Association.

Motion to adjourn by Mel Fox at 1:17 PM. Motion was properly seconded and was passed.

Submitted Shirley Williams, Recording Secretary